educational and other institutions and Non-Governmental Organizations, for setting up and running of Educational Complexes for tribal girls.

(b) No, Sir.

Scholarships for higher education in it to Tribals

†2041. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any publicity was given by his Ministry regarding award of scholarships to tribal students for pursuing higher education in the field of Information Technology in America;

(b) if so, the total number of persons who applied for this;

(c) whether Government received any application from Uttaranchal in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the persons benefited from this?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) An advertisement was published in December, 2000 and 2001 inviting applications for the selection year 2000-2001 under the Scheme of "National Overseas Scholarship for SCs, STs etc." for pursuing higher studies in 20 subjects which *inter-alia*, includes Information Technology. As per the selected candidates can pursue their respective studies in any accredited university/institution in any of the country of choice with which India has diplomatic relations. As such it includes the USA.

(b) A total number of 54 applications have been received from ST candidates.

(c) and (d) One application has been received from a candidate of Uttaranchal State for pursuing an M. Sc in Computer Engineering. No candidate has been selected for the Selection year 2000-2001 so far.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.